



National Conference on Diabetes and Nutrition Rabat on 13 and 14 May 2016

Declaration / Advocacy

We, the participants in the National Conference on Diabetes and Nutrition, organized by the Moroccan League for the Fight against Diabetes, under the Aegis of the Ministry of Health and the National Council of the National Medical Association, 13 and May 14, 2016 in Rabat, adopt the following declaration / advocacy called:

"Declaration / Advocacy for the Establishment of a National Action Plan for a Multisectoral legal Regulation for the Fight against Diabetes and to promote and protect the Rights of People with Diabetes"

- Referring to the important Royal message to the 2nd Health Conference, held in July 2013 in Marrakech, which stressed "the need to integrate the health dimension in the various public policies, combining efficiency and transparency";
- Recalling the high and brilliant participation of his Royal Highness Lalla Salma to the high-level meeting on non-communicable diseases, including diabetes, held at the United Nations Headquarters on 19 and 20 September 2011 in New York;
- Stressing the importance a Legal Regulation in the fight against diabetes and Protection of diabetic patients' Rights;
- Welcoming the added value of the International Charter of the International Federation of Diabetes 2011, entitled "Rights and Responsibilities of Diabetes";

- Recalling the fundamental rights enshrined in the Moroccan Constitution of 2011 and international conventions and declarations in relation to health and well being of citizens;
- Stressing the effort to modernize the legal arsenal, initiated by the government and especially the Ministry of Health, and the implementation of the diabetes management strategy;

The participant (s) at the Symposium:

- Recognize the lack of legal regulations in force, including the protection of people with diabetes (discrimination, working conditions, social security, etc ..), and invite the government and the parliament to address them;
- Draw the attention of the executive on the need to ensure the proper implementation of laws and regulations, including those related to consumer protection and strengthening the procedures of monitoring and evaluation;
- Call upon the application of the guidelines and recommendations, including those of WHO, through legal regulations to regulate the intake of trans fats, being inspired by similar experiences in the world;
- Demand an application of guidelines and recommendations, including those of WHO through legal regulations to reduce the content of salt and sugar in food products;
- Stress the urgent need to take regulatory and control measures to deal with advertising and lack of labelling and / or misleading;
- Incite the government and parliament to frame the legal regulation for the use of new technologies on the digital Diabetes ensuring protection of the rights of diabetics;

- Claim the urgent establishment of a national action plan for legal regulation, transverse and coordinated, integrated to public policies for the prevention and control of NCDs, which includes diabetes, on the basis of a accurate and programmed legislative and regulatory agenda, developed by governments through a participatory approach;
- Appreciate the commendable efforts of the Moroccan parliament for the legislative and regulation work related to the health issues, including diabetes, and particularly rely on members of the World Diabetes Parliament to achieve this national action plan claimed.
- Welcome the major contribution of the International Diabetes Federation in the fight against diabetes in the world and urge the Moroccan authorities to take into account their studies and recommendations when developing the action plan.

Done at Rabat, May 14, 2016

For participants in the International Symposium on Diabetes and Nutrition

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